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Attorney Docket No. 06843.0009-08000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keith E. LANGLEY *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1647
Serial No.: 08/803,954) Examiner: R.C. Hayes
CPA Filed: August 29, 2001)
For: METALLOPROTEINASE)
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In a restriction requirement mailed January 15, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following Groups:

Group I: claims 53-56, allegedly drawn to antibodies to a polypeptide having metalloproteinase inhibitor activity, as well as hybridoma cells that produce such antibodies; and

Group II: claims 57-67 allegedly drawn to methods and kits for detecting polypeptides having metalloproteinase activity in biological samples.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 53-56.

In addition, Applicants ask the Examiner to correct the Attorney Docket No. for this application to read "06843.0009-08000."

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